



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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Week Ending July 20, 2014

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, July 20, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 9 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 33 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 8 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 26 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 65.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Ashland to 78.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Grand Isle. Highs ranged from 81.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Lake Providence to 93.0 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with 7.55 inches recorded in Lafayette.

Crop progress for week ending July 20, 2014

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, dough	96	91	99	98
Corn, dent	77	64	84	-
Corn, mature	15	6	11	10
Cotton, squaring	94	92	98	99
Cotton, setting bolls	76	59	62	79
Cotton, open bolls	2	-	-	2
Hay, first cutting	100	99	100	100
Hay, second cutting	51	45	58	56
Peaches, harvested	75	69	85	79
Rice, headed	82	72	74	74
Rice, mature	3	-	5	10
Sorghum, headed	97	93	92	96
Sorghum, coloring	62	49	59	63
Sorghum, mature	2	-	4	4
Soybeans, blooming	90	85	81	87
Soybeans, setting pods	70	57	63	70

Crop condition for week ending July 20, 2014

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	0	1	12	63	24
Cotton	0	1	8	64	27
Livestock	1	7	29	53	10
Pasture	0	6	27	54	13
Rice	0	1	19	57	23
Sorghum	0	2	25	51	22
Soybeans	2	4	15	51	28
Sugarcane	2	10	34	42	12
Vegetables	1	13	41	41	1

Comments from Extension Agents

“Soils are saturated. Hay producers need dry weather to harvest hay fields. Rice is doing very well. Soybeans need to dry out as well.”

–James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Vegetable producers are harvesting watermelons, squash, eggplants and tomatoes. They are also spraying to control insects in tomato and eggplant fields.”

– Sandra Benjamin, Tangipahoa Parish

“We have had two weeks of unseasonable rainfall which has helped our crops. All of our row crops such as corn, cotton, grain sorghum, rice, soybeans and sweet potato look very good.”

–Carol Pinnell, Franklin Parish

“As corn and grain sorghum begin to reach maturity, they appear to have good yield potential. We continue to find high populations of sugarcane aphids in grain sorghum that have been treated in some cases multiple times. Soybeans fungicides are beginning to go out as a preventative. No real soybeans disease issues at this point. Pastures and forages are real productive with recent rain events.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Early planted rice is beginning to mature with draining date near on several fields; even with inclement weather disease pressure is moderate. Soybeans growth has been excellent, setting pods and filling on early planted fields with blooming still ongoing on later planted fields. Pasture and hay forage growth has been excellent while weather is delaying hay harvest or negatively affecting those fields that were cut.”

– Keith A Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending July 20, 2014

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Northwest</b>										
Minden	86.2	66.7	77.0	82.4	-5.4	5.22	3	4.43	6.31	2.32
Mooringsport	82.7	67.0	74.8	83.2	-8.4	3.93	4	3.33	4.37	0.91
Red River	85.5	68.4	77.3	83.2	-6.0	NA	NA	NA	5.19	1.40
Shreveport	91.2	67.3	80.1	82.9	-2.8	2.88	2	1.75	3.65	-0.69
Extreme/Average	86.4	67.3	77.3	82.9	-5.6	4.01	4	3.17	4.88	0.98
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	84.1	66.1	75.1	81.4	-6.2	2.08	2	1.32	4.24	0.72
Farmerville	84.3	67.1	75.9	82.4	-6.5	NA	NA	NA	4.07	-0.56
Homer	84.8	66.8	76.3	80.7	-4.4	2.98	3	2.51	3.68	2.72
Extreme/Average	84.4	66.7	75.8	81.5	-5.7	2.53	3	1.92	4.00	0.96
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	81.4	66.3	73.9	82.6	-8.8	3.58	2	3.08	7.70	6.31
St Joseph	88.4	68.0	78.2	82.8	-4.6	2.99	4	2.29	5.92	2.26
Tallulah	88.2	69.8	80.3	82.1	-1.7	2.45	3	1.67	3.95	0.51
Winnsboro	88.0	66.6	77.3	82.8	-5.5	5.30	3	4.68	8.96	5.32
Extreme/Average	86.5	67.7	77.4	82.6	-5.1	3.58	4	2.93	6.63	3.60
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	86.2	65.2	76.3	81.6	-5.3	1.26	3	1.04	4.76	1.66
Hodges Gardens	89.2	67.8	78.5	82.7	-4.1	NA	NA	NA	2.43	-1.19
Leesville	86.3	67.6	76.9	81.5	-4.5	5.46	3	4.63	7.24	3.10
Natchitoches	83.4	67.6	75.5	83.8	-8.3	4.04	4	2.96	5.13	0.99
Extreme/Average	86.3	67.0	76.8	82.4	-5.6	3.59	4	2.88	4.89	1.14
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	85.7	68.1	76.9	83.4	-6.4	NA	NA	NA	6.69	2.11
Bunkie	85.3	70.2	77.8	82.5	-4.7	3.60	3	2.77	7.22	3.13
Eunice	88.8	71.0	80.0	83.9	-3.9	2.56	2	1.46	6.90	1.80
Jonesville Locks	86.9	69.9	78.4	82.6	-4.3	2.50	3	1.67	5.97	1.98
New Roads	88.8	71.2	80.0	83.0	-3.0	4.22	5	3.49	8.00	3.70
Extreme/Average	87.1	70.1	78.6	83.1	-4.4	3.22	5	2.35	6.96	2.54
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	7.52	3	6.19	13.93	7.99
Hammond	88.6	69.4	79.0	81.7	-2.7	NA	NA	NA	1.95	-1.36
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.02	3	NA	6.21	NA
Slidell	86.3	72.1	79.2	NA	NA	3.01	6	NA	6.67	NA
Extreme/Average	87.4	70.8	79.1	81.7	-2.7	4.52	6	6.19	7.19	3.31
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	85.6	71.3	78.4	82.2	-3.8	4.60	5	3.38	7.15	1.31
DeRidder	84.9	69.2	76.5	82.3	-5.8	4.47	4	3.55	8.82	3.46
Jennings	86.6	71.4	79.0	82.2	-3.2	4.59	5	3.56	7.10	1.85
Oberlin Fire	84.1	69.9	77.0	82.0	-5.0	4.26	3	3.11	8.68	3.04
Extreme/Average	85.3	70.5	77.7	82.2	-4.4	4.48	5	3.40	7.94	2.42
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	85.3	70.7	78.0	82.0	-4.0	4.12	5	2.75	9.45	3.18
Jeanerette	87.2	71.0	79.1	82.3	-3.2	1.88	5	0.80	6.82	0.00
Lafayette	87.6	71.9	79.7	81.8	-2.1	7.55	6	6.32	12.39	6.48
Morgan City	86.9	73.9	80.4	82.2	-1.9	4.33	2	2.84	9.39	2.59
Extreme/Average	86.8	71.9	79.3	82.1	-2.8	4.47	6	3.18	9.51	3.06
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	87.3	74.1	80.7	82.3	-1.6	3.82	3	1.99	9.05	1.89
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.15	4	1.91	7.46	1.49
Grand Isle	84.5	78.2	81.3	NA	NA	2.00	5	0.45	6.86	0.20
New Orleans	93.0	75.8	84.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	6.80	NA
Extreme/Average	88.3	76.0	82.1	82.3	-1.6	2.99	5	1.45	7.54	1.19
<b>State</b>	86.5	70.0	78.3	82.3	-4.2	3.65	4	2.97	6.65	2.13

DFN = Departure from Normal.  
Normal = Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010  
NA = Not Available.